

take the amendments, please?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is a bill that was introduced by Senator Lynch on behalf of the Nebraska Health Department. Dr. Wright testified in favor of the bill at the public hearing, as did Bob Marshall from the Nebraska Pharmacists Association. The basic purposes of the bill are two-fold, first to bring up-to-date the schedules of the various controlled substances, Schedules I, II and III of controlled substances, in state law to make those schedules conform with the federal law. The second thing the bill does is it allows a consolidation of hearings pertaining to a pharmacist's license and his license to dispense controlled substances so that we won't have a situation where a pharmacist has been deprived of his license to sell controlled substances, but nonetheless retains his license to practice pharmacy generally. We have one committee amendment. It is a very minor amendment. What it does basically is it moves one chemical from a Schedule I to a Schedule II controlled substance. That is the extent of the committee amendments. I'd be pleased to attempt to explain them, although I'm not 100 percent familiar with the nature of that chemical. But, with that, I'd ask the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the committee amendment? If not, the question is, shall the committee amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the committee amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Committee amendments are adopted. Anything else on it? Senator Lynch, would you like to explain your bill please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Hoagland already explained most of what is necessary. I'd be glad to answer any questions anyone might have.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the bill? The question is, shall the bill advance? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Need a little help. Please